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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Best Practices for Earning Postsecondary Credit in High School:
Early/Middle College High Schools

Section 22f of the State School Aid Act, 2012 PA 201, appropriates funding to local school districts meeting seven out of eight best practices. One of those best practices is to "support opportunities for pupils to receive postsecondary credit while attending secondary school."

There are a variety of designs and concepts available to provide early college credit earning experiences for students, including advanced placement, dual enrollment, and early/middle colleges (E/MC). The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has created a comprehensive list of options for providing your students the opportunity to earn postsecondary credits while in high school. A chart of all the available options can be downloaded from the MDE website:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Earning_College_Credit_in_High_School_Revised_2-29-12_378055_7.pdf.

Numerous inquiries have been received regarding E/MC. In order to provide information and answer questions, a technical assistance workshop will be held for districts interested in learning more. MDE staff will be on hand to explain various E/MC options and the implications of each, including reporting, accountability, and others important aspects. The workshop will be held on April 4, 2013, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room #3, John A. Hannah Building, 608 West Allegan, Lansing, Michigan.

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To register for the workshop, please contact Janice Ambs by email at: ambsj@michigan.gov or by telephone at (517) 335-5224, no later than April 1, 2013.

Career and college readiness for all students, coupled with the opportunity to receive college credit before graduation, provides both an incentive for students and an affordable postsecondary pathway for all families.

For more information, please contact Patty Cantú, Office of Career and Technical Education, at: cantup@michigan.gov or (517) 335-5224.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance